

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

### Did you Know?

The date for Easter is not fixed. It moves every year. For this reason the earliest Christians celebrated the Lord's resurrection on different days. The church has always maintained a link between Jesus' death and the Jewish Passover festival. As a result, Christians first celebrated the Lord's resurrection on one of two days: on the day of the Jewish Passover or the Sunday following the Jewish Passover. It was not until the Council of Nicea in 325 CE that the different churches came together and ruled that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. For many years, the church in Africa was responsible for calculating this time.

### Quote for reflection

"Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'" *Phillips Brooks*

### Question for reflection.

- This week, how can I share the good news of new life in Jesus with others?
- Since the Risen Christ abides with us, what is our experience of His presence?

### Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service

<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>.

The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK April 9 - April 15

No Services - Synod in progress

### SICK AD SHUT-IN

Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Lola Neckles	Hopeton Fraser
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Barbara O'Sullivan	Neville Hendricks
George Thomas	(Priest)	Norma Allen	Muriel Smith
Louisa Hanson		Frederick Green	Emily Hemmings



## Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH

*Patron Saint Andrew The Apostle*

Rector / Curate The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.

Assistant Curate: Revd. Bertram Gayle

Supplementary Clergy: Revd. Claude Campbell

Church Army: Sis. Andrea Taylor-Smith

*April 9, 2023 8:00 a.m.*

**Message from Bishop Golding****The Resurrection Spirit.**

Over the years, first as a parish priest preparing persons for Baptism and Confirmation and now as a Bishop Confirming persons, I've been inspired by those individuals who have engaged the ministry of Christ and His church with great enthusiasm and dedication. These persons often see no task as insurmountable in the name of Christ and commit their energy and resources to make the mission of God possible where they are located. It is evident by their commitment and energy to the mission and ministry that something has inspired their lives. They have become energized by a new spirit. This new energy is the Spirit that raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, what I call here the resurrection Spirit. The Apostle Paul writing to the Church in Rome put it this way.

*9 . . . Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Romans 8:9-11)*

Paul makes three important points in the above text. The first is, if you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you do not belong to him. Secondly, If Christ is in us then though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. This righteousness of course is righteousness through faith, not of our own making, which he sets out in the letter. It implies that a life of righteousness must mark the life of the disciple. Thirdly, and more importantly he states, that the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us.

If the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in us, we should live as people of the resurrection. As the hymn writer puts it, "Christ is risen, we are risen." We should be energized as the early Christians were in the service of Christ. Our Diocesan Vision statement invites us to joyful and energetic discipleship and captures the spirit of the post resurrection Christian community.

A diocese inspired by the Holy Spirit through the joyful energetic the discipleship of all its members, as an assertive influence for good and justice, always reaching out to engage the wider society through collective and individual mission and ministry, in faith, hope and charity, welcoming, inspiring and enrolling new members of the body of Christ as faithful stewards of God's resources.

The resurrection Spirit summons us to work to right the wrongs in our society, to work for justice, reconciliation and peace. Commemorating the resurrection invites us to be open to the Spirit of the risen Lord and so be re-energized for the work of Christ. Through the Lent season, we are encouraged to lay aside the things that prevent us living the resurrected life in Christ. As our churches ring out with alleluias and we reaffirm our baptismal promises may the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead energize us to live as faithful witnesses of the living Lord. Alleluia!

**We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship**

**Birthdays for this week:** Joyce Coke, and Jordan Seaton 09/04, Stacey James 10/04, Rev. Ralph "Jim" Parkes and Rev. Barrington Buchannan 11/04, Anne Spence-Morris, Shera Grant-Clarke, Andrea Michaels and Loicrine Jones 13/04, Rev. Milverton Munroe, Rev. Shawn Nisbeth, Hu-Sarnia Hurge and Owen Streete 14/04, Rev. Jacqueline Bramwell, Solentiene Morrison and Thelma Senior 15/04.

**Condolence is extended** to Yvonne Hall and family, on the passing of her sister in Texas. Also to Lolita Elliott and Phillip Duff on the passing of their relative Donald Elliott.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are in memory of Ingrid Pusey given by her niece, Margaret. **Flowers at the foot of the Alter** are given in loving memory of Helen Perkins, given by her Altar Guild Group Two. **At the pulpit** in memory of Errol and Alice Alberga, given by their family. **At the Lectern** in memory of Lolita Hanson, given by her family. **In the Chapel** for Adlin Hyman and Neil Soares given by Sterling Soares. Also for Ruby Forbes given by her children.

**The Synod of our Diocese** takes place this coming week April 10-14, 2023. Please keep this event in your prayers.

**Tuesday Charity Ministry** thanks all those who contributed to their Easter treat.

**We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.**

**Please note electronic transfer to the Church's Account can be made through members banking facility. (St. Andrew Parish Church, NCB Half-Way-Tree A/C # 301045077).**

**8:00 a.m. - SOLEMN EUCHARIST & SERMON**

2. The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread,  
they shall live for ever,  
they shall live for ever. **R**

4. I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever. **R**

3. Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.  
you shall not have life within you. **R**

5. Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come, into the world. **R**

Post Communion Prayer

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**The Blessing**

*Welcome & Notices*

**Recessional Hymn: 187** He is risen

1. He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, man is free,  
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Lent's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore--  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Alleluia Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: In the name of Christ. Amen**

**Readings for April 16, 2023: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16,  
1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 179** Rejoice this Easter Day (Edom)

1. Rejoice this Easter Day!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
Lift up your voice and sing,  
and worship Christ the King.  
He's risen today!  
Our Lord now lives! Rejoice,  
again this Easter Day!

2. Come, see the empty tomb  
In which our Saviour lay,  
He is not here – the King  
of king's alive today.  
He's risen today!  
Our Lord now lives! Rejoice,  
again this Easter Day!

3. Because you live, O Christ,  
We celebrate this day.  
O heaven and earth shall  
never be the same today.  
Our Saviour lives!  
What joy, this blest assurance,  
my Redeemer lives!

**Introit:** This joyful Eastertide Charles Wood The Choir

**Easter Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen indeed:

**People: Come, let us adore Him, Alleluia!**

Celebrant: †Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: He has given us new life and hope! He has raised  
Jesus from the dead! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: **Alleluia!** God has claimed us as his own:

**People: He has brought us out of darkness! He has made  
us light to the world! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ the Morning Star has risen:

**People: He is alive and reigns for ever and ever. Amen Alleluia!**

**The Collect For Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** Traditional Revival

**Refrain:**

*Glory to Massa Gad Oh!*

*Glory to Massa Gad Oh!*

*And peace to God's people,*

*God's people pon di earth*

*Glory to God on high!*

1. Lord God heav'nly king  
Mighty God and Father  
We worship you  
Praise and thanks to you. **R**

2. Lord Jesus Christ  
Son and Lamb of God  
All sin you remove,  
Have mercy and hear wi cry. **R**

3. You are the Holy One  
You are Lord, most High  
With the Holy Spirit,  
Glory be to you. **R**

**THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** Acts 10: 34 - 43 Dorothy Britton-McKenzie

**Canticle: Pascha Nostrum** "Christ Our Passover" (1662 BCP) All stand

Christ our Passover is sacri | ficed for us:

\*therefore | let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, neither with leaven of | malice and wickedness;

\*but with the unleavened bread of sin | cerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead | dieth · no more;

\*death hath no more do | minion over Him.

For in that he died, he died unto | sin once:

\*but in that he liveth, he | liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in | deed unto sin,

\*but alive unto God through | Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen | from the dead,

\*and become the | first-fruits of | them that slept.

For since by | man came death,

\*by man came also the resur | rection of the dead.

For as in Adam | all die,

\*even so in Christ shall | all be made alive.

2. We meet, as in that upper room they met;  
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:  
'This is my body': so thou givest yet:  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

3. One body we, one body who partake,  
one church united in communion blest;  
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

4. One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Saviour and one living Head;  
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;  
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

**170 God sent his son (Because he lives)**

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

**Refrain**

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride, and joy he gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. **R**

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain:  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives. **R**

**595 I am the Bread of Life**

1. I am the bread of life.  
They who comes to me shall not hunger;  
they who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

**Refrain:**

*And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

Give us this day o Lord, our daily Bread.

**Hallowed, be thy name**

Forgive our sins we pray, as we forgive others

**Hallowed, be thy name**

And lead us not O lord, into temptation

**Hallowed, be thy name**

Deliver us O Lord, from every evil

**Hallowed, be thy name**

For thine the kingdom, the pow'r and glory

**Hallowed, be thy name**

Amen, amen, amen; amen it shall be so

**Hallowed, be thy name**

## COMMUNION

### Breaking of Bread

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President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

### Agnus Dei *Traditional Revival*

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God

You take away the sin of the world

Have mercy pon wi soul

*(Repeat)*

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God

You take away the sin of the world

Grant us peace

### The Invitation Form B

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**President:** The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs of praise to him.**

### *Hymns during Communion:*

#### Hymn 578

1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest,  
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,

\*and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,

\* world without | end. Amen.

### Second Reading Colossians 3 : 1 - 4 Ena Henry-Dallen

**Gradual :** 177 Low in the grave he lay

1. Low in the grave he lay,

Jesus, my Saviour;

waiting the coming day,

Jesus, my Lord.

3. Death cannot keep his prey,

Jesus, my Saviour,

he tore the bars away,

Jesus, my Lord. **R**

#### **Refrain**

*Up from the grave he arose,*

*with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;*

*he arose a victor from the dark domain,*

*and he lives for ever with his saints to reign:*

*he arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

2. Vainly they watch his bed,

Jesus, my Saviour;

Vainly they seal the dead,

Jesus, my Lord. **R**

### *The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel*

**The Gospel:** John 20: 1 - 18

**The Sermon:** The Very Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson

### The Prayers Of Intercession

#### President

We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church, Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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#### The aspersion with Holy Water

*During the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water the following shall be sung:*

## Wonderful grace

Wonderful grace  
That gives what I don't deserve,  
Pays me what Christ has earned  
Then lets me go free.  
Wonderful grace  
That gives me the time to change,  
Washes away the stain  
That once covered me.

**Refrain:**  
*And all that I have, I lay at the feet  
Of the wonderful Saviour  
Who loves me.*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant: *Alleluia! Christ is Risen, seek the things that are above*  
**People: Where Christ is seated at the right hand of God Alleluia**

Celebrant: *The peace of the risen Christ be with you!*  
**People: And also with you.**

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

**Anthem:** Sound the trumpet                      *The choir*

**Offertory Hymn: 186** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

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| 1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,<br>Your sweetest notes employ,<br>The Paschal victory to hymn<br>In strains of holy joy.                              | 4. Triumphant in His glory now<br>To Him all power is given;<br>To Him in one communion bow<br>All saints in earth and heaven.               |
| 2. For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,<br>Crushing the serpent's head;<br>And cries aloud through death's<br>domains<br>To wake the imprisoned dead. | 5. While we, His soldiers, praise our<br>King,<br>His mercy we implore,<br>Within His palace bright to bring<br>And keep us evermore.        |
| 3. Devouring depths of hell their prey<br>At his command restore;<br>His ransomed hosts pursue their way<br>Where Jesus goes before.                 | 6. All glory to the Father be,<br>All glory to the Son,<br>All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,<br>While endless ages run.<br><br>Alleluia! Amen! |

### President & People:

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people and grant that he who is baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Sanctus**                      Traditional revival

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord Lord God of pow'r, pow'r and might Heav'n and earth are full, oh Of your glory Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord.	Blessed is He who comes In the precious name of the Lord Hosanna upon high, Hosanna upon high Blessed is He who comes.
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**PRESIDENT:** Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

**All: Christ has died. Alleluia  
Christ is risen. Alleluia  
Christ will come again. Alleluia  
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**PRESIDENT....** In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour. Alleluia  
and glory and power. Alleluia  
be yours for ever and ever. Alleluia  
Amen**

**PRESIDENT:** As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father**                      Traditional Revival

Our father, who art in Zion  
**Hallowed, be thy name**

Thy Kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth  
**Hallowed, be thy name**